

**Utah Department of Transportation  
Utah Transportation Commission  
Duchesne, Wasatch and Utah Counties Area Tour  
Thursday, August 11, 2016**

The Utah Transportation Commission, UDOT staff members and others departed for an area tour in Duchesne, Wasatch, and Utah counties at 11 a.m. on Thursday, August 11, 2016, from the Duchesne County Offices, located at 734 North Center Street in Duchesne. Those in attendance included:

- Commissioners: Kent Millington, Meghan Holbrook, , Dannie McConkie, Naghi Zeenati, Gayle McKeachnie
- UDOT Staff: Carlos Braceras, Shane Marshall, Heather Barthold, Aaron Pinkerton, Bob Pelly, Brent Schvaneveldt, Eileen Barron, Elizabeth Weight, Joe Walker, Kris Peterson, Nathan Lee, Robert Miles, Teri Newell
- Others: Charlene McConkie, Ivan Marrero, Linda Millington, Tweet Zeenati

The tour traveled five Region Three corridors, US-40, US-189, US-89, US-6 and US-191; most of which are considered critical rural roads and travel through canyons. The tour helped illustrate the corridors' unique challenges and importance to recreation and commerce.

**US-40**

On US-40, Teri Newell, UDOT Region Three Director, discussed the importance of rural corridors, the importance of funding those corridors, and the overall vision and ultimate buildout for the US-40 corridor. Discussions of heavy truck traffic, passing lane patterns and needs, Utah's Freight Plan and the US-40 Highway Access Agreement also took place.

At the Starvation Reservoir Overlook, the group was joined by representatives from Central Utah Water Conservancy District (CUWCD). General Manager Gene Shawcroft talked about CUWCD's service areas and future funding needs. He also explained the Central Utah Project (CUP) and the importance of working together.

As the bus traveled east on US-40, Brent Schvaneveldt, Region Three Program Manager, discussed recent and current projects. Included in discussions of projects were: a chip seal from Daniels Summit to Soldier Creek, westbound passing lanes west of Strawberry Reservoir and in Daniels Canyon, a bridge replacement at Strawberry Bridge, and a shoulder repair/lane addition in Daniels Canyon.

**US-189**

As the bus entered Heber City and turned onto US-189, Teri Newell, UDOT Region Three Director discussed the need for corridor preservation, and explained the challenges in growing urbanized areas. She pointed that UDOT gave up shoulders and turn lanes for added lane capacity. She also discussed the US-189 Corridor Agreement and Highway Access Management, and explained the overall vision for the corridor.

In Provo Canyon, the group was joined by CUWD Water Quality Treatment Manager Gerard Yates and Area Manager Paul Pierpont, who discussed their systems and operations, and oil spill cleanup efforts.

As the bus traveled along US-189, recent and current projects were discussed. Upcoming projects such as passing lanes between Rock Cut to Charleston, trail connection in Provo Canyon, pavement rehabilitation between University Parkway and SR-52 in Orem, and the Provo Orem Transportation Improvement project were discussed as well.

**US-89**

Teri Newell discussed truck usage of US-89 verses alternate routes, and Brent Schvaneveldt gave information on the current Provo 300 South; 100 West to 700 East concrete pavement/raised median project, and the upcoming US-89, Moark Junction to 2400 South microsurface project in Mapleton.

## **US-6**

Teri Newell discussed the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon needs, and the overall vision for US-6. As the bus traveled along the US-6 corridor, Brent Schvaneveldt shared information about recent and current projects, and future widening, barrier and pavement projects were also discussed.

## **US-191**

As the bus traveled north on US-191, Brent Schvaneveldt talked about 2017 pavement rehabilitation projects. Cattle guard safety repairs and rock fall maintenance needs were also discussed.

After stopping for dinner made by UDOT employee Ervan Rhoades and his wife at Starvation Reservoir, the bus returned to the Duchesne County Administration Building, and the tour concluded at 7:16 p.m.



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